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Art Unit	1634
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Attorney Docket Number	102286.408US2 CON

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RESPONSE AND SUBMISSION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.114

This Response is filed as a submission with a Request for Continued Examination under 37 C.F.R. §1.114. This Response is in reply to the outstanding Office Action mailed December 27, 2002. A response to the Office Action was first due on March 27, 2003 and, therefore, this Response and the Request for Continued Examination are timely filed with a petition and fee for a three-month Extension of Time for Response, up to and including June 27, 2003.